(*In lakhs of Rupees*)

Railway	Causes	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
	4. Other causes	13·62	11·44	12·32
	5. Total	89·20	85·31	84·75
South Eastern	1. Loss/theft of complete packages/consignments	33·61	65·69	87·54
	2. Pilferage	104·56	77·61	109·70
	3. Damage due to wet, break age and delay in transit	29·87	44·21	77·03
	4. Other causes	20·69	42·38	42·53
	5. Total	188·73	229·89	316·80
Western	1. Loss/theft of complete packages/consignments	191·60	310·29	426·81
	2. Pilferage	37·67	51·66	62·97
	3. Damage due to wet, breakage and delay in transit	32·83	41·06	68·23
	4. Other causes	2·76	7·73	5·11
	5. Total	264·86	410·74	563·12
All Railways	1. Loss/theft of complete packages/consignments	690·26	908·91	Cause-wise break-up is under compilation by N.E. Rly.
	2. Pilferage	620·44	634·84	
	3. Damage due to wet, breakage and delay in transit	434·23	403·03	
	4. Other causes	244·72	245·85	
	5. Total	1989·65	2192·63	3056·89

Pilferage in Railways

302. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the commodities which are pilfered and in respect of which compensation is claimed and the areas which are vulnerable to pilferage; and

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take against the railway officials whose active connivance is involved in pilferage of goods?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Food grains, pulses, sugar, oil-seeds, cotton piece goods, iron & steel, are the commodities which are mostly pilfered during transit on the railways.

Gaya - Asansol-Andal, Howrah-Burdwan Chord, Rampurhat-Malda Town, Garahara - Jhajha, Naihati-Chitpur, Tatanagar-Kharagpur - Shalimar. Tatanagar-Rourkela-Jharsuguda Bhilai-Ajni, Allahabad - Kanpur-Tundla, Malda-New Jalpaiguri, Garhara-Kathihar, Nagpur-Bhusawal

Waltair - Vijayawada and Baroda-Bandra are the usual areas vulnerable to pilferage of consignments on the railways.

(b) Railway staff, including RPF personnel, found involved in cases of thefts and pilferages of railway property are either prosecuted or dealt with departmentally in a deterrent manner depending on the evidence available in each case.

Allocation of Palmolein to Kerala

303. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of Palmolein allocated to Kerala during the period from January to June 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has been requesting the Central Government to increase the monthly quota of Palmolein to that State; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to meet the request of that State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) The allocation of imported edible oils to Kerala during the period from January to June, 1984 is 32,850 M.Ts.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Kerala Government had indicated its requirement as 47,000 M.Ts. for the oil year 1983-84 (November, 1983 to October, 1984). The monthly average comes to 3.917 M.Ts. per month. The allocation of imported edible oils to Kerala has already been maintained at a substantially higher level than their demand. It was increased to 5,500 M.Ts. since March, 1984 as against 5,000 M.Ts. made during February, 1984. From July, 1984, it has further been stepped up to 6,000 M.Ts. as against 5,500 M Ts. made for June, 1984. Palmolein has been allotted according to availability.

Railway line between Chengannoore and Trivandrum in Kerala

304. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Kerala Government for laying a new Railway line from Chengannoore to Trivandrum via Pandalam, Kottarakkara, Vembayam, Nedumangad;

(b) whether Government propose to conduct a survey for the said line; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The rail alignment of railway line between Chengannoore & Trivandrum via Pandalam & Kottarakkara, Vembayam & Nedumangad will be surveyed as a part of Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for doubling of B.G. line between Chengannoore to Trivandrum Central. Survey estimate has been sanctioned recently and survey is to be commenced shortly.

Train from Jammu to Kanyakumari

305. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the date by which Government propose to start the train from Jammu to Kanyakumari?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): Sir, no firm date has been fixed.

Broad gauge line between Kuttipuram and Trichur

306. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under Government's consideration to construct new broad-